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THREE CENTS

## WILSON WILL FACE SENATE ON THURSDAY

Announcement of Date by  
Tumulty Spurs Leaders  
Of Factions in Final  
Plans for League of Nations' Fight.

PRESIDENT TO SPEAK  
IN NEW YORK TUESDAY

To Depart for Capital Im-  
mediately After Address  
And to Begin His Nation-  
Wide Tour in the Near  
Future Is Report.

Definite announcement by Secretary  
Tumulty in New York that President  
Wilson would present the peace  
treaty to the Senate on Thursday  
acted as a spur last night to leaders  
of the pro-league and anti-league  
parties in the upper house. Although  
the launching of the covenant cam-  
paign is still more than three days  
distant, there is a noticeable hurrying  
of final plans for the fight for  
and against the society of nations  
plan, which promises to become one  
of the most bitterly contested issues  
in American history.

Secretary Tumulty, who has gone  
to New York to meet the President,  
announced definitely yesterday after-  
noon that President Wilson will ad-  
dress the Senate Thursday.  
Tumulty said the best informa-  
tion he had was that the President  
would arrive in Hoboken at about  
1:30 p. m. Tuesday. A delegation of  
Hoboken school children will meet  
him at the pier and accompany him  
on the ferry to New York. There  
the President will be greeted by the  
mayor's committee of welcome,  
which includes Gov. Hughes and  
Mayor Hylan. He will motor up  
Broadway to Carnegie Hall, where  
he will make a brief address.

Due Here Tuesday Evening.  
He then will depart about 1:30  
p. m. for Washington, arriving here  
Tuesday evening.

The President's New York speech  
will be his first to an American au-  
dience with the exception of his  
Fourth of July address to the 3,000  
soldiers and sailors with him on  
the George Washington, since the  
Metropolitan Opera House address  
in which he said he would not  
come back "until it was over there."  
The President probably will devote  
Wednesday to the many important  
bills awaiting his signature, and in  
putting the finishing touches on his  
address to the Senate.

To Begin Tour Soon.  
Soon after the Senate address he will  
start his nation-wide tour in behalf  
of the league of nations, and oppo-  
nents of the covenant are expected to  
make known their plans for counter-  
acting this effort soon after Wilson's  
itinerary is divulged.

The President is prepared, it has  
been indicated, to extend his speak-  
ing campaign over any period he  
deems necessary to enable him to  
carry out the assurances—some positive  
and some inferential—he gave the  
peace conference of America's willing-  
ness to carry her share of the burden  
in the new order of things which he  
believes will be inaugurated with the  
ratification of peace.

Among the opponents of the  
league, Senator Borah was preparing  
to intensify the assault by issuing  
a statement against another feature  
of the peace settlement—the proposed  
treaty whereby the United States and  
Great Britain pledge aid to France in  
event of an unprovoked German at-  
tack. Borah opposes this on the  
ground that it is really a treaty of  
war, but pretends to be an agreement  
for preservation of peace.

Senator Hitchcock, administration  
spokesman, last night predicted the  
peace treaty would remain before the  
Foreign Relations Committee for  
some time, before it actually comes  
before the Senate.

## MAIL BY 'BLIMPS' LATEST U. S. IDEA

The United States must and will  
build a rigid dirigible of a type far  
superior to that of the R-34, the  
British vessel, in order to establish the  
true place of dirigibles in the naval  
and commercial world.  
This was the statement yesterday  
by naval construction experts after  
the news had arrived that the gaso-  
line of the British "blimp" had been  
exhausted. The Navy Department  
has already taken steps to establish  
a dirigible construction station some-  
where near Cape May. This Govern-  
ment already has a small number of  
dirigibles, none of which, however,  
was thought capable of performing  
the feat of the R-34.

It was stated that the Postoffice  
Department intends at the first op-  
portunity to use dirigibles for trans-  
porting mails as a regular overseas  
service. It is not improbable that the  
mail dirigibles will be of an improved  
and practically perfect type which the  
Navy Department proposes to build.  
As a beginning it is contemplated  
by the Postoffice Department to send  
some mail back by the R-34.

Georgia Veterans to Meet.  
Atlanta, Ga., July 5.—Veterans  
who fought with the Seventh Geor-  
gia during the Civil War have been  
ordered to assemble in Atlanta  
July 21 for the annual reunion of  
the organization. Families and  
relatives of the veterans are in-  
vited to attend the reunion.

## "Tower Ghosts" Protest Against Kaiser's Coming

London, July 5.—An imagi-  
nary special correspondent at  
the Tower of London sends to  
Lord Northcliffe's Evening  
News a report of a midnight  
meeting of "tower ghosts" pro-  
testing against the ex-Kaiser's  
coming to the Tower in this  
resolution:  
"We the members of the  
Tower Club, hear with dismay  
and pain the rumor that the  
former German Emperor may be  
confined in our Tower of  
London. We protest with all  
our might that this low and  
filthy fellow be not so honored,  
and ourselves so brought into  
degradation."

## D. C. SWELTERS IN BURNING SUN

Mercury Tops 102, Beating  
Fourth Record by  
One Degree.

For the second day in succession  
the sun beat down on Washington  
yesterday unobscured for an instant by  
a cloud, and the Fourth of July record  
of 100 degrees was beaten by one  
point, according to last night's state-  
ment of the Weather Bureau. At 4  
p. m. the high point of 101 was  
reached by the mercury.

There were two heat prostrations  
during the middle of the day. Mrs.  
Lillian Thomas White, aged 36, was  
stricken at Third street and Penna-  
vania avenue northwest, and taken to  
her home, 537 P street northwest, in  
a passing automobile.  
Robert R. Lewis, colored, aged 68,  
was taken from his home, 45 Missouri  
avenue northwest, to the Washington  
Asylum Hospital in a Casualty Hospi-  
tal ambulance. Neither case is serious.

Expect Relief Today.  
Relief is expected today. Local  
thunderstorms are forecast by the  
weather bureau, not only here but  
throughout the heat-stricken Eastern  
States.

Monday, according to the weather-  
man, will be partly cloudy, with mod-  
erate temperature and gentle vari-  
able north and northeast winds.  
Boston and Baltimore suffered even  
more than Washington yesterday. In  
those cities a high temperature of 100  
was registered.

10,000 at Tidal Basin.

Approximately 10,000 persons sought  
relief in the waters of the Tidal Basin  
yesterday. From early in the morning until late  
in the evening lockers of the beach  
were filled.

Almost everyone who owns an auto-  
mobile used it to advantage. The  
speedway during the evening was  
alive with autos and hundreds drove  
through Rock Creek Park where the  
temperature averages several degrees  
lower than any other section around  
Washington.

Comparatively few of the thousands  
of government employees enjoying a  
half holiday remained in their homes.  
A banner crowd went to Chesapeake  
Beach, Marshall Hall, Glen Echo and  
other refreshing spots during the day  
and evening.

## GENERAL STRIKE MENACES BERLIN

Noske Fortifies City Against  
Possible Demonstration  
By Workmen.

Berlin, July 5.—The Berlin strike  
situation has developed to the point  
where the railroad workers declare  
they will call a general strike unless  
the government recognizes further  
demands.  
Government officials, however, say  
it is not likely that additional con-  
cessions would be granted, in view  
of the plan to lower the cost of food.  
Adolf Noske, minister of defense,  
has increased the guards in many  
parts of the city. Trucks, loaded  
with machine guns and barbed wire,  
are seen frequently as further evi-  
dence of preparation against demon-  
strations by the strikers.

The government has announced that  
it would operate train service with  
its own men. It was also declared  
that all long distance trains are run-  
ning, except in the vicinity of Frank-  
fort-on-Main, and that the suburban  
service have been partly resumed.

Food riots are reported in the Prus-  
sian cities of Dortmund and Horde.  
State Commissary Hoerning, of Sil-  
esia, has appealed to America to send  
troops to Upper Silesia. They are  
needed for technical reasons, he said,  
because the economic aims of France  
and the national interests of Poland  
render their troops unsuitable.

"Blimp" Sighted at Dark.  
Halifax, N. S., July 5.—The British  
dirigible R-34, passed over Smiths  
Cove near Bridgetown, N. S., at 6:30  
p. m., flying low. She is reported to  
have passed over Weymouth after 8  
o'clock and also to have passed Digby.

## NEGRO ASSAULTS CHEVY CHASE WOMAN

Use Rock to Subdue Victim  
Upon Whom He Springs  
In the Woods.

POSSE SCOURS SCENE

Neighbors Threaten to  
Lynch Man Believed to Be  
Guilty of Other Attacks.

Beaten into insensibility by a young  
colored man who assaulted her near  
Chevy Chase Circle and the Somerset  
street car line yesterday afternoon  
about 3 o'clock, Miss Mary Saunders,  
22 years old, an employee of the Mil-  
itary Intelligence office, today is at  
Georgetown University Hospital in a  
serious condition.

Miss Saunders' assailant, who is  
thought to be the same one who as-  
saulted Mrs. Beattie Gleason last Mon-  
day, and who has been terrorizing the  
outlying districts by a series of daring  
assaults and pocketbook-snatching  
cases, fled through the woods which  
border the scene of the crime and  
made good his escape. Many suspects  
were arrested and about one-half of  
them were released.

With blood streaming from deep  
cuts on her face and head and breast,  
Miss Saunders staggered three-quarters  
of a mile from the scene of the crime  
to the home of Capt. S. W. Cushing,  
218 Dorset avenue, Somerset,  
Md., where for the last few months  
she has made her home. Most of  
her clothing and one shoe were gone.  
The other shoe and a piece of twine  
with which the negro attempted to  
tie her hands behind her were found  
at the scene of the crime by Head-  
quarters Detectives Wilson and Em-  
brey.

Miss Saunders collapsed in the door-  
way of the Cushing home and was  
carried inside by Mrs. Cushing.  
Capt. Cushing, who only recently  
returned from overseas, summoned  
Dr. Anthony M. Ray, 4700 Wisconsin  
avenue, who had Miss Saunders re-  
moved to the hospital.

Threats of Lynching.  
Upon hearing of the assault, neighbors  
swarmed to the girl's home and  
then searched the woods. No trace of  
the man was found. Threats of rough  
treatment should he be apprehended  
were heard on all sides.  
"He won't last ten minutes if he is  
caught in this vicinity," said one man.  
The scene of the crime is on the

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## CONFIRM REPORT OF PERU REVOLT

State Department Hopes  
South American Fracas  
Is Only Temporary.

Official advice to the State De-  
partment yesterday confirmed re-  
ports that President Pardo of Peru  
had been taken prisoner by soldiers  
and Augusto B. Leguia installed as  
President.

Officials, however, are hopeful  
that the troubles attending the de-  
position of President Pardo are only  
temporary.  
While Acting Secretary of State  
Phillips has refused direct comment  
as to whether there was any par-  
allel between the Peruvian situa-  
tion and that in Costa Rica, where  
this country refuses to recognize the  
Tinoco government because it  
took office through force, it was  
pointed out that Leguia seems to  
have grounds for claiming that he  
is the regularly elected chief ex-  
ecutive.

Added to this was encouragement  
given in reports that he will not  
persecute Pardo and that a stable  
government in Peru is apparently  
assured.  
Dispatches to the department said  
that Pardo, with the chief of staff of  
the navy, the minister of war and  
prefect of Callao were imprisoned by  
two regiments of soldiers. The chief  
of staff of the army was reported to  
have grouped with forty soldiers.  
Reports that the Pardo government  
had planned to prevent Leguia from  
taking office were said to be respon-  
sible for the imprisonment of the of-  
ficials.

The first session of the commission  
charged with enforcing the execution  
of the treaty, which was held this  
afternoon, synchronized with the news  
that the German government had not-  
ified Premier Clemenceau it was ready  
to execute the treaty's reparation  
clauses.

The Germans, it was reported, are  
sending a commission of experts to  
Versailles to arrange the details of  
their peace obligations. Upon their  
arrival, verbal discussions of the  
treaty will begin next week, when  
the German and allied representatives will  
reassemble the data incident to the  
actual carrying out of the reparation  
clauses.

Ten Drown When Lake  
Steamer Is Overturned

St. Louis, Mo., July 5.—Ten  
persons were reported drowned in  
the sinking of a small excursion  
boat on Lake Madison late last  
night.  
The boat was said to have struck  
a snag and overturned. Authori-  
ties are searching for the missing  
today.

Paris, July 5.—Allied peace  
delegates in Paris continue to  
puzzle over Premier Lloyd  
George's detailed announcement  
regarding trial of the former  
Kaiser before an allied tribunal  
in London.

The Americans, it can be  
stated authoritatively, regard  
trial of Wilhelm as merely  
"silly." Their attitude may be  
summed up as follows:  
If the Peace Conference really  
desired to end wars, why begin  
the new era with an act ac-  
complishing no other end than  
carrying out Lloyd George's  
campaign pledges.

## ITALY IN THROES OF UPHEAVAL; RIOTS RIFE

Food Troubles Assume  
Threatening Aspect  
Throughout Land.

FIUME STILL SEETHING

Farmers Refuse to Sell, and  
Cities Report Markets  
Closed.

Rome, July 5.—Food riots, earth-  
quake devastation, the Franco-Italian  
differences at Fiume and political con-  
troversy had combined today to pre-  
sent Italy with an internal situation  
regarded as most critical.

Messages received here indicated  
that the food troubles were assuming  
a threatening aspect of country-wide  
character. The government had be-  
gun to take stringent measures to  
check the disorders, which at Florence  
had resulted in a man being killed  
and a boy fatally injured. Rioting and  
plundering continued in that city, with  
indescribable scenes of vandalism and  
pillage.

Martial law had been declared at  
Porti, and the director general of po-  
lice had arrived at Bologna, where  
the situation was described as serious.

Farmers Refuse to Sell.  
Advices from several cities reported  
that where maximum prices had been  
fixed, shopkeepers were disposing of  
their stocks and closing their doors.

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## Slayer of Sweetheart Takes Body to Police

Harry S. New, Jr., Claiming to be Son of  
Senator, Says Girl Refused to be  
Mother of His Child.

Los Angeles, Cal., July 5.—"The  
girl I loved is dead. I shot her—it  
must have been in a temporary fit  
of insanity. All I want now is to  
die."

Calling again and again for his  
fiancee, Harry S. New, Jr., 32 years  
old, said to be a son of United States  
Senator Harry S. New, of Indiana,  
is held in the city jail tonight on a  
charge of murder, while in the  
mortuary lies the body of beautiful  
Freda Lesser, 20 years old, formerly  
of Birmingham, Ala., who was killed  
by New in one of the strangest mur-  
ders in the annals of the local po-  
lice.

In the dim light of early morning,  
New drove up to police headquarters  
in the automobile containing the body  
of the girl he had slain. Calmly, he  
told the police how he had shot and  
killed the girl, a beautiful brunette,  
whom, he said, soon was to have be-  
come the mother of his child.

Careless Victim's Body.  
New shot the girl while driving her  
in the sedan in a lonely canyon last  
night while they were discussing their  
wedding plans. The wedding was to  
have occurred tonight. It had been  
postponed until Saturday night be-  
cause relatives could not be present.

After the murder, New drove about  
fondly caressing the body for three  
hours, hoping against hope and in-  
tentionally feeling her pulse for a faint  
sign of life.  
When they reached Topanga can-  
yon, New says, he asked the girl  
to marry him, but she urged the  
marriage be postponed, not wishing  
to become the mother of the baby  
which New said he desired so much.

Held Her Hand.  
"I became enraged," New said to  
the police, "and shot her before I  
knew what I was doing. I loved  
her, and still love her. I picked  
her up in my arms but she could  
not speak to me. She must have  
died instantly, but I tried to make  
her comfortable in the rear seat of  
the car and held her hand as I drove  
toward town in hope that I might  
feel some pulse beats."

New fired a bullet into the girl's  
forehead. She lay motionless. He  
picked her up in his arms, not real-  
izing what had happened, according  
to his story to the police. Then he  
lifted her to the rear seat of the  
car and tried to make her com-  
fortable, drove the machine  
about with one hand, while he held  
her hand with the other, he said in  
hopes she would show a spark of  
life.

For three hours he drove around,  
often stopping to arrange the body  
more comfortably. Then realizing  
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Can't Shoot  
Beer in New  
M.E. 'Oasis'

Columbus, Ohio, July 5.—If you  
want to be up on everything don't  
say, "Let's step into this joint and  
shoot a beer."

Put it this way, "Let us have a  
shot in the 'oasis' for a cooling  
beverage."

That's the new name for saloons  
adopted by Methodists attending  
their centenary exposition here.  
"Oasis" was selected out of  
thousands of suggestions made to  
the centenary exposition committee  
for a less repulsive name for the  
new soft drink parlors.

## Aviation "Fan" Desired to Pay \$5,000 for Ride

Atlantic City, N. J., July 5.—  
Vice Admiral Mark Kerr missed a  
chance to pick up some easy  
money here when the Hadley-  
Page aeroplane of which he is  
the commander, came to grief  
at Parrisboro, Nova Scotia  
early today.

Had the plane arrived here  
today one aviation enthusiast  
was willing to pay \$5,000 for a  
trip to Mineola to see the big  
British dirigible R-34 from the  
air tomorrow and five others  
were ready to make up an ad-  
ditional \$5,000 for the same trip.

## HANDLEY-PAGE FORCED TO QUIT

Plane Has Engine Trouble  
And Gets Bad Bump  
In Landing.

Halifax, N. S., July 5.—The Hand-  
ley-Page airplane, which was to have at-  
tempted a trans-Atlantic flight, but in-  
stead started late yesterday for Min-  
eola, from Harbor Grace, N. F., was  
forced by engine trouble to land in  
Parrsboro, N. S., today.

The machine was so badly damaged  
in alighting that it is believed she will  
be unable to continue her flight.  
None of the four members of the  
crew was injured.

It is estimated that Washington  
housewives will exact savings of  
from 20 to 50 per cent, even after  
overhead expenses of transportation  
are paid. The supplies include  
canned vegetables, fish and meats  
originally intended to feed our boys  
in France.

Brownlow Approves Plan.  
Commissioner Gardiner presented  
his plan in detail to Commissioner  
Brownlow at a conference yesterday  
morning. The commissioner heartily  
approved of the idea and will assist  
every effort to make it a success.  
Congress has become aroused over  
the movement to limit consumers for  
the 14,000,000 pounds of canned  
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missioner will inquire why this enor-  
mous stock was not placed for pub-  
lic sale sooner.

D. C. TO WELCOME  
WILSON TUESDAY

Reception at Station and  
Pageant on White House  
Lawn Are Features.

A big welcome for President Wilson,  
upon his arrival next Tuesday night,  
is being planned by citizens of Wash-  
ington. The President is expected be-  
tween 10 and 10:30 o'clock.

One hundred business and profes-  
sional men of the city, members of  
the District of Columbia Non-partisan  
League of Nations committee, in con-  
junction with representatives of the  
War Camp Community Service will  
receive the President. The President  
will march under an arch of flowers  
from his room at the station to the  
scene of the reception.

In lieu of a parade, which will not  
be held on account of the lateness of  
the hour of his arrival, a pageant will  
be given under the direction of Mrs.  
Marie Moore Forrest, of the War  
Camp Community Service, who had  
charge of those given in the Fourth  
celebration. Marchers in the Fourth  
of July parade, the Marine Band and  
other bands will assist. An address  
of welcome will be delivered by Jack-  
son H. Ralston.

A committee of citizens will leave  
for New York Monday to inform the  
President of the reception and to re-  
turn with him.

U. S. Red Cross Sends  
Aid in Italian Quake

Paris, July 5.—Two special  
trains of tents, clothing and food  
were today rushed from Paris to  
the Italian earthquake district by  
the American Red Cross, to alle-  
viate suffering of the homeless  
thousands reported from that cen-  
ter.

Col. Bartlett, American Red Cross  
commissioner in Italy, was instruct-  
ed to draw all necessary funds to  
aid earthquake sufferers.

Dempsey 'Punch'  
Lacks Knockout

Toledo, Ohio, July 5.—The  
Jack Dempsey punch is now  
on sale. You can get it at  
any Toledo drug store. It is  
made with some loganberry  
juice, some seltzer, a bit of  
syrup and some cracked ice.

The punch, however, car-  
ried no knockout.

## 30,000 Pounds of Army Food to Make Up the First Shipment for Sale in D. C.

Confer with Secretary  
Baker Tomorrow to  
Arrange Details.

"Washington has set the example.  
Other cities will follow her lead," de-  
clared Representative William B. Oller-  
of Alabama last night in endorsing  
Commissioner Gardiner's plan for  
the sale of surplus army foods to  
Washingtonians.

"That Secretary Baker will approve  
the plan when Commissioner Gardiner  
and I present it to him Monday  
morning is certain," he asserted.

Representative Oller conferred with  
Mr. Gardiner yesterday and arranged  
the interview with Secretary Baker  
for 11:30. The secretary's approval is  
desired only on several details. He  
has already approved the general plan,  
which provides for the sale in carload  
lots of food supplies stored in Balti-  
more.

30,000 Pound Shipment.  
The first shipment will consist of  
30,000 pounds of canned vegetables  
and possibly a consignment of beef  
also. The supplies will be placed on  
sale at their cost to the government  
in the Eastern and Western markets  
and the municipal fish wharf.

John G. McGrath, chairman of the  
citizens' food committee, will ar-  
range Monday to have quantities  
placed on sale in school houses and  
at community centers.  
It is probable that army trucks  
will be used to haul the shipments  
to Washington. The secretary's  
opinion will be obtained on this plan  
and also on the use of postoffice  
trucks. If automobile transporta-  
tion is out of the question the sup-  
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## BIG 'BLIMP' IN DISTRESS SENDS SOS

R-34 Exhausts Petrol on  
Way to Mineola and  
Asks Navy for Rescue  
Ships to Tow Her Into  
Boston Harbor.

REQUESTS FUEL AND  
GAS BE SENT CHATHAM

U. S. Destroyers Ranging  
Maine Coast in Effort to  
Locate Helpless Air Liner  
Before Dawn — Severe  
Storm Raging.

An SOS call sent broadcast by the  
British dirigible R-34 was received by  
the Navy Department last night.

The message said: "Rush help. Mak-  
ing for Boston from Bay of Fundy  
at thirty-three knots. Come quickly.  
Gasoline giving out. Send ships."

The navy radio station learned the  
R-34 was battling with a fierce electric  
storm. The message was received at  
8:26 o'clock, at the radio tower at  
Ottelcliffe, Me.

Shortly after the distress message,  
the commandant at Boston Navy Yard  
sent the following:  
"Sending out all available craft to  
yard to assist R-34. Unable to get  
communication Hancock or Stevens  
(the destroyers which went to the  
rescue) since they left."

The partial failure of the wireless  
made navy officials here believe the  
storm was severe. Considerable fear  
was felt for the fate of the big dirig-  
ible.